

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2007. In the Office Action, claims 14-18 and 24 were allowed, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8-11 and 23 were rejected, claims 3, 4, 7, 12 and 13 were objected to and the drawings were objected to. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. With this Amendment, claims 1 and 8 are amended and claim 3 is canceled. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

On page three of the Office Action, the drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because the granular treats of claims 23 and 24 must be shown in the drawings in order to be claimed. Therefore, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d), replacement drawings are submitted herewith. In addition, the specification is also accordingly amended.

On page two of the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 8 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Beck (US 2,959,354). Claim 1 is amended to incorporate features of claim 3 that include allowable subject matter as indicated by the Examiner. Accordingly, claim 3 is canceled and claim 4 is amended. It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is in condition for allowance. In addition, claims 2, 5 and 8 are also in condition for allowance at least based on their association with allowable claim 1.

On page three of the Office Action, claims 9-11 and 23 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Beck. It is respectfully submitted that claims 9-11 and 23 are in condition for allowance at least based on their association with allowable claim 1. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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